



UTAH DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH

Medical Cannabis Act Implementation

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MISSION & VISION



The Utah Department of Health's mission is to protect the public's health through preventing avoidable illness, injury, disability, and premature death; assuring access to affordable, quality health care; and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Our vision is for Utah to be a place where *all* people can enjoy the best health possible, where *all* can live and thrive in healthy and safe communities.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



Healthiest People – The people of Utah will be among the healthiest in the country.

Optimize Medicaid – Utah Medicaid will be a respected innovator in employing health care delivery and payment reforms that improve the health of Medicaid members and keep expenditure growth at a sustainable level.

A Great Organization – The UDOH will be recognized as a leader in government and public health for its excellent performance. The organization will continue to grow its ability to attract, retain, and value the best professionals and public servants.

BACKGROUND



- Ballot Proposition 2 passed and became effective on December 1.
- Months prior to Prop. 2 passing, key supporters and opponents of Prop. 2 started negotiating terms of an agreement to make changes Prop. 2.
- Utah lawmakers approved HB 3001: Utah Medical Cannabis Act (UMCA) in a Special Session of the Legislature on December 3.
- Most elements of the medical cannabis program are required to be operational by March 1, 2020.
- Prior to January 2021, patients with qualifying conditions whose doctor recommends they use the drug medicinally may legally possess it in certain dosage forms.

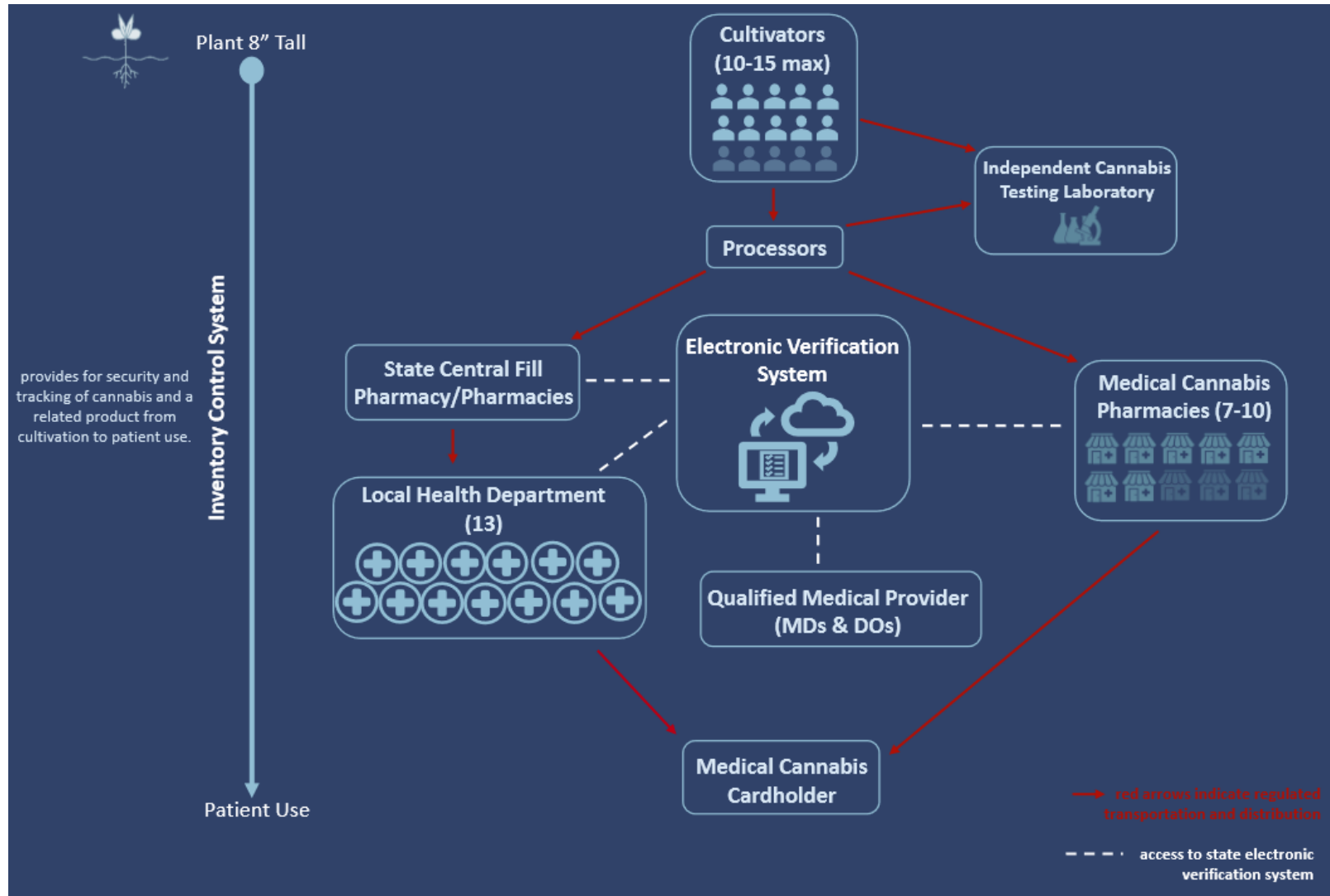


PROGRAM PURPOSE



Working with trained medical professionals, qualified patients will receive a “recommendation” for quality-controlled cannabis products from a licensed pharmacist in a medicinal dosage form. This will be done in a way that prevents diversion of product into a black market.

UTAH MEDICAL CANNABIS ACT SYSTEM



MEDICAL CANNABIS CARD OVERVIEW



1. Doctor Recommendation



A qualified medical provider (QMP) recommends medical cannabis treatment to a patient with a qualifying condition*

Qualifying conditions

- HIV or AIDS
- Alzheimer's disease
- Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
- Cancer
- Cachexia
- Persistent nausea, under certain conditions
- Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis
- Epilepsy or debilitating seizures
- Multiple sclerosis or persistent and debilitating muscle spasms
- PTSD, under certain conditions
- Autism
- Terminal illnesses, under certain conditions
- Condition resulting in hospice care
- Rare conditions, under certain conditions
- Pain lasting longer than two weeks, under certain conditions
- Condition the Compassionate Use Board approves, on a case-by-case basis

2. Card Application



Patient applies for a medical cannabis card with QMP at QMP's office through Electronic Verification System (EVS)

Medical Cannabis Patient Card qualifications

- 18 or older
- Utah resident
- Provide name, gender, age, and address
- Sign acknowledgment of risks

Other medical cannabis cards:

- Medical Cannabis Guardian Card
- Provisional Patient Card (for a minor in connection with a Medical Cannabis Guardian Card)
- Medical Cannabis Caregiver Card (for a designated caregiver)

3. Card Issuance



The Department of Health evaluates application and issues card within 15 days, if applicant qualifies

Medical Cannabis Patient Card

- Valid for up to 30 days at first, then 6 months
- Renewable (with fee)

Medical Cannabis Guardian Card

- Valid for up to 30 days at first, then 6 months
- Renewable (with fee)

Provisional Patient Card

- Issued automatically with guardian card (no fee)
- Renews automatically with guardian card (no fee)

Medical Cannabis Caregiver Card

- Generally, card renews automatically with associated medical cannabis patient or guardian card (with fee)

4. Cardholder Requirements



Presumption a cardholder possesses cannabis legally, if requirements followed

A medical cannabis cardholder:

- may only purchase, possess, transport, and (if patient) use certain cannabis in medicinal dosage form
- must carry card on person at all times cardholder is in possession of cannabis
- must have identification label for cannabis in cardholder's possession
- may not use cannabis in public view, except in an emergency
- may not carry on person:
 - more than 113 grams of unprocessed cannabis
 - cannabis product that contains more than 20 grams of total composite THC

*QMP's recommendation for a minor must be approved by the Compassionate Use Board

ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION SYSTEM



- Must be established before March 2020
- Allows patient, in the QMPs office, to apply for a medical cannabis patient card or a medical cannabis guardian card
- Allows a qualified medical provider (QMP) to:
 - access dispensing and card status information regarding a patient
 - electronically recommend treatment with cannabis and dosing parameters;
 - electronically renew a recommendation

ELECTRONIC VERIFICATION SYSTEM



- Connects with a inventory tracking system used by medical cannabis pharmacies and the state central fill pharmacy to track in real time and to archive purchases of any cannabis product or cannabis device
- Provides access to the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture and Food, DOPL, and Department of Public Safety
- Provides access to and interaction with state central fill medical cannabis pharmacy, state central fill agents, and local health department agents
- Provides access to state and local law enforcement under certain conditions

CONCLUSION



Questions?

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